

PRESENTATION TO SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS,  
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
RE: CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY / ELGIN JOLIET EASTERN RAILWAY

JANUARY 9, 2008  
RE: FINANCE DOCKET NO. 35087,  
CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY AND GRAND  
TRUNK CORPORATION – CONTROL – EJ&E WEST COMPANY

I AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY WIFE, DYLLIS, WHO HAS SIGNED UP TO SPEAK AND SHE HAS GRANTED HER ALLOTTED TIME TO ME.

THE PARAMOUNT ISSUE HERE IS LIVES VS. MONEY. ONE THING IS CERTAIN – IF THE CANADIAN NATIONAL PROPOSAL IS APPROVED WITHOUT PROVIDING FOR UNDERPASSES/OVERPASSES, LIVES WILL BE LOST.

WHILE AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE IS DELAYED BY A FREIGHT OF BETWEEN ONE MILE AND ALMOST TWO MILES IN LENGTH – A NORMAL DELAY OF THREE TO SIX MINUTES, SOMEONE ACROSS THE TRACKS WILL BE WAITING FOR AN AMBULANCE – A CHILD WHO IS CHOKING (PERHAPS THE CHILD OR GRANDCHILD OF SOMEONE ATTENDING TODAY) OR A DROWNING VICTIM; OR A HEART ATTACH VICTIM WILL BE WAITING AND WAITING, SOME SUCH VICTIMS WILL DIE AS A RESULT OF THE DELAY OF THE CANADIAN NATIONAL TRAINS. THAT IS A CERTAINTY – WHAT IS UNCERTAIN IS WHEN THIS WILL HAPPEN – BUT IT WILL HAPPEN. IT IS NOT OVERLY DRAMATIC TO SAY THAT THE CANADIAN NATIONAL FREIGHTS WILL CAUSE DEATHS UNLESS THERE IS APPROPRIATE MITIGATION. IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE TIMES WHEN TRAINS ARE STOPPED BLOCKING ALL CROSSINGS, FOR 15 MINUTES OR EVEN AN HOUR.

PERHAPS THE CANADIAN NATIONAL WILL SAY "WHAT IS A MERE 3 TO 6 MINUTES?" COME AND JOIN ME FOR 3 MINUTES IN THE CAB OF AN

EMERGENCY VEHICLE WHILE WE WAIT FOR THE CANADIAN NATIONAL  
FREIGHT TO PASS.

(SIREN IS PLAYED).

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